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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6656**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 138

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 27, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Absentee Voting.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R Michael

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Pierce

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires a voter applying for an absentee ballot to provide information concerning the voter's identification before receiving an absentee ballot. The bill specifies that: (1) the voter must provide a description of and the identification number for the proof of identification the voter would submit if the voter were voting in person; or (2) if the voter does not provide a description of the proof of identification or the proof of identification does not have an identification number, the voter must provide the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number. The bill repeals a provision that exempts an absentee voter from providing proof of identification.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) January 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* The Election Commission would have to revise the current absentee ballot application form to include an option for the applicant to provide the last four digits of their Social Security number. This provision would minimally impact the expenditures of the Commission.

*Background-* The Indiana Election Commission, under which the Election Division operates, reverted \$55,072 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2006. The Election Division had printing costs of about \$23,116 in FY 2006. The Division had 11 full-time employees and 3 vacancies as of October 3, 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Election Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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